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SUBJ: INVENTORY OF REGULATIONS ON TEXTILES AND APPAREL

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1. SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE APPENDIX FOR KENYA OF REF AIRGRAM
ARE IN PARA 2. SECTIONS REQUIRING NO CHANGE ARE OMITTED. TO
OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF KENYA'S REGULATIONS ON TEXTILES OR APPAREL
ARE APPLIED IN A DISCRIMINATORY FASHION AGAINST U.S. EXPORTS.

2. (LICENSING) TWO COPIES OF SELLER'S PROFORMA INVOICE ARE
REQUIRED, NOT TEN AS STATED. (FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION-
SCHEDULE III) SHOULD READ - ITEMS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC IMPORT
LICENSING FOR WHICH FOREIGN EXCHANGE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.
(FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION - SCHEDULE IV) SHOULD READ -
ITEMS UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSE FOR WHICH FOREIGN EXCHANGE
WILL BE PROVIDED ON A QUOTA BASIS. AT BEGINNING OF SECOND
PAGE, FIRST PARA SHOULD BE LABELED - PRESHIPMENT
INSPECTION REQUIREMENT. 2,800 DOLLAR AMOUNT SHOULD BE
CHANGED TO 20,000 KENYA SHILLINGS (ABOUT 2445 DOLLARS
AT PRESENT RATE). (MINIMUM VALUATIONS) SHOULD READ
AS FOLLOWS - TO PROTECT LOCAL APPAREL MANUFACTURE, IMPORTS
OF SUCH ITEMS AS SHIRTS AND SUIT MATERIAL ARE LIMITED TO
LUXURY AND PREMIUM GRADES BY NOT GRANTING TRADE
LICENSES FOR GOODS PRICED BELOW CERTAIN C.I.F. MINIMUM
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VALUES. ALL REFERENCE TO THE KENYA NATIONAL TRADING
CORPORATION SHOULD BE DELETED. K.N.T.C. LICENSES, BUT
DOES NOT CONDUCT TRADING IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL.
(FIACAL DUTY) HEADING SHOULD BE CHANGED TO IMPORT DUTY.
CURRENT RATES VARY FROM 20 TO 70 PERCENT. ADD SECTION
TITLED: USED CLOTHING, WITH TEXT AS FOLLOWS: IMPORTS
REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF DISINFECTION.

3. COMMENT: IN REACTION TO THE CUTOFF OF RAW COTTON SUPPLIES CAUSED BY THE TANZANIAN BORDER CLOSURE, KENYA GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY REDUCED OR ELIMINATED IMPORT DUTIES ON TEXTILE FIBERS AND YARNS IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIES. THE WHOLE IMPORT DUTY ON COTTON FIBER, FOR INSTANCE, WAS REMITTED. ON THE OTHER HAND, DUTIES ON FINISHED GOODS HAVE BEEN RAISED TO AFFORD MORE PROTECTION TO THE OTHERWISE UNCOMPETITIVE LOCAL TEXTILE INDUSTRY. WIDE-RANGING INCREASES IN DUTIES ON FABRICS AND GARMENTS WERE IMPOSED IN JUNE 77, INCLUDING A 100 PERCENT RATE ON SECOND-HAND CLOTHING. THERE IS REPORTEDLY A MINISTERIAL BAN ON SECOND-HAND CLOTHING IMPORTS AT PRESENT AND MUCH PRESS HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEVOTED TO AN ALLEGED FLOOD OF CHEAP CLOTHING IMPORTS AND RESULTANT LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, ETC.
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